**Relocation of existing habitations**

2019. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in relation to 67 National Parks and 398 wildlife sanctuaries in the country, management of these areas envisaged exclusion of human interferences in the form of habitations, existence of domestic livestock, agriculture and other land-use practices, etc.;

(b) if so, whether the adequate measures for safeguarding precious gene pool, fauna and flora which necessarily involve relocation of existing habitations, have been taken since 2000 onwards;

(c) the number of such villages that have been identified for relocation; and

(d) whether there are still any villages required to be relocated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMONARAIN MEENA): (a) As per the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, no right can exist within a National Park. However, in the case of Sanctuary there is a provision to allow some rights in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden over any land within the limits of the Sanctuary. These provisions have been made to make the wildlife habitat free of biotic interference to foster wildlife conservation. Funding support under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes are provided for relocation of villages from protected areas.

(b) Till the IXth Plan, 103 villages have been relocated from various Protected Areas. Details of funds provided to States for relocation of villages during IXth and Xth Plan are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) The Wildlife Institute of India has been mandated to assess the coreareas of tiger reserves where village relocation has to be undertaken, in addition to other protected areas of the country within a timeframe. Simultaneously, action has been taken for developing a model involuntary village relocation/rehabilitation package through a professional agency.

***Statement***

*State-wise detail on release of fund for relocation of villages under beneficiary Oriented Tribal Development, Project Tiger and Development of National Parks and Sancturies Scheme*

*(Rs. in Lakhs)*

| SI. No | Year | Madhya Pradesh | Karnataka | Maharashtra | Orissa | Rajasthan | Uttaranchal |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1997-1998 | 45.00 | 25.00 | - | 40.00 | - | - |
| 2. | 1998-1999 | 350.00 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3. | 1999-2000 | 201.08 | 68.50 | - | - | - | - |
| 4. | 2000-2001 | 200.00 | 64.65 | 46.00 | | - | - |
| 5. | 2001-2002 | 300.00 | 100.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 6. | 2002-2003 | 210.00 | 300.00 | 400.00 | - | 145.92 | - |
| 7. | 2003-2004 | 374.00 | 283.00 | - | 81.00 | - | - |
| 8. | 2004-2005 | - | 150.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 9. | 2005-2006 | 175 | 77.00 | 17.00 | - | 80.00 | 110.20 |
| 10. | 2006-2007 | 230 | 58.80 | - | - | - | - |

Note:-

1. During IXth Plan under Beneficiary Oriented Tribal Development Scheme. .

2. During Xth Plan under Project Tiger Scheme.

**Clearance to irrigation projects**

2020. DR.M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of irrigation projects in the country are awaiting environmental clearance from his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for their pendency; and

(d) the steps taken to clear these pending projects?